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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

--TAIWAN MEDIA COMMENTATORS GAVE CONSIDERABLE FAVORABLE COVERAGE PRESIDENT FORD'S EUROPEAN TOUR SEEING IT, ALONG WITH OTHER REASSURING EVENTS, AS HEALTHY SIGN REVITALIZED U.S. CONCERN FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENTS.

--PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS (60,000), FOR INSTANCE, SAID FORD'S TRIP WILL HEYZ RESTORE EUROQUAN FAITH IN U.S., WHICH AMERICANS SEEM TO BE ACTIVELY SEEKING, ADDING STRONG U.S.-EUROPEAN ALLIANCE WILL BENEFIT PEACE AND SECURITY IN ASIA AS WELL SINCE FREE WORLD INSEPARABLE.

--OTHER MAJOR PAPERS INCLUDING LARGEST-CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS (320,000), KMT'S OFFICIALSAENTRAL DAILY NEWS (220,000), KMT-OWNED CHINA DAILY NEWS (80,000) AND MINISTRY UNCLASSIFIED

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NATIONAL DEFENSE'S YOUTH WARRIOR DAILY NEWS (60,000) SAW FORD'S BRUSSEL'S VISIT AS INITIATING NEW HIGH TIDE IN U.S. DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS INVOLVING SUCH PRESSING PROBLEMS AS WORLD ENERGY, ECONOMICS AND WESTERN EUROPE SECURITY.

UNITED DAILY NEWS ADDED THAT FOR U.S., WESTERN EUROPE REMAINS VITAL SHIELD IN CURRENT NUCLEAR IMPASSE; WASHINGTON CANNOT AFFORD LOSE WESTERN EUROPE OR JAPAN TO COMMUNISTS.

--SEVERAL MAJOR PAPERS HAILED SIGNS THAT U.S. CONGRESS ALSO INTERESTED IN REASSERTING ACTIVE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN WORLD AFFAIRS. UNITED DAILY NEWS SAW U.S. DETERMINATION TO BACK ITS DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS WITH STRENGTH; REALIZATION HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING INDOCHINA SETBACKS THUA AMERICA VYNNOT HESITATE IN FACE OF INTERNATIONAL CRISIS. MIN TSU EVENING NEWS (60,000) ALSO SAW INCREASING EVIDENCE OF U.S. RETURNING TO BIPARTISAN FOREIGN POLICY WILO UNIFIED AMERICA RESTORING ITS LEADERSHIP IN FREE WORLD. INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES (280,000) ADVISED THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES TO NOTE RECENT U.S. CONGRESSIONAL SHIFTS REGARDING ISOLATIONISM. NEW U.S. ASIAN POLICY BEING FORMULATED AND SHADOW OF AMERICAN NEOISOLATIONISM RECEDING, PAPER SAID.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

--POINTING UP CONTINUING CHALLENGE TO POST IN GIVING PERSPECTIVE, DIMENSION AMERICAN SOCIETY (OBJECTIVE UAI), CHINA TIMES COMMENTATOR LAI CHIN-HO IN SERIES ON U.S. POLITICAL, ELECTION SYSTEM SAID, AMONG MANY POINTS, THAT:

- SYSTEM CONTROLLED BY POLITICIANS.

- THEREFORE, ELECTED OFFICIALS PROVE BE INCOMPETENT, INEFFICIENT.

- RESULT IS SELFISH AMERICAN SOCIETY UNDER SHADOW OF "MAMMONISM," WITH FEW AMERICANS SHOWING LOVE, RESPECT FOR COUNTRY OR SENSE OF SACRIFICE.

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PROSPEROUS AMERICAN CITIES WHERE LIFE, PROPERTY NO LONGER PROTECTED BY LAW.

- ONLY NATURAL THAT AMERICAN SOCIETY BECOMES HOTBED FOR COMMUNISM THROUGH INFILTRATION.

TURNS OUT LAI, FORMER UNITED NATIONS EMPLOYEE NOW RETIRED IN TAIPEI, NOT IN POST ARS SYSTEM. NOW THAT NAME HAS SURFACED AS AMERICAN SOCIETY CRITIC, PLAN INTEGRATE HIS NAME IN ARS AND PROVIDE BALANCING INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS TO HIM.

--STAG LAWRENCE CHISOLM, PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AT

SUNY BUFFALO, LECTURED ON AMERICAN STUDIES AND CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN SOCIETY AT USIS TAIPEI LINCOLN CENTER, FU JEN UNIVERSITY'S GRADUATE PROGRAM OF AMERICAN STUDIES, AND AT THE BRANCH POSTS. HE ALSO CONSULTED WITH AMERICAN STUDIES PROFESSORS ON THE STATE OF AMERICAN STUDIES IN TAIWAN AND MET THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM TAIWAN WHO WILL ATTEND THE BICENTENNIAL AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER. DR. CHISOLMNMROVED TO BE ONE OF OUR LESS SUCCESSFUL VISITING SPEAKERS BECAUSE HIS INSIGHTS ON AMERICAN SOCIETY WERE UNFORTUNATELY LOST ON LOCAL AUDIENCES WHO COULDN'T FOLLOW HIS PROLIX MANNER OF PRESENTATION.

--MCLAIN FAMILY BAND, WHOSE CONCERTS IN TAIWAN IN APRIL WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S DEATH, NEVERTHELESS HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO TAIWAN AUDIENCES. WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAM HOSTED BY FAR EASTERN ARTISTS MANAGEMENT PRESIDENHFN SPONSOR OF MCLAINS, USUALLY FEATURES WESTERN CLASSICAL MUSIC, BUT LAST WEEK WAS GIVEN OVER TO BLUEGRASS MUSIC AND FEATURED MCLAINS. HALF-HOUR TV PROGRAM TAPED BY BAND AT CTV DURING TRUNCATED VISIT, WILL BE BROADCAST SOON ACCORDING CTV.

--WORLD TODAY TRANSLATED BOOKS CAME IN FOR PRAISE FOR EXCELLENCE OF SUBJECT AND TRANSLATION QUALITY FROM PROSPECTIVE IV GRANTEE HSU LI-TE, ROC EXECUTIVE YUAN'S ECONOMIC PLANNING SECTION CHIEF. HE SINGLED OUT A VOLUME ON THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND "THE TRUMAN PRESIDENCY" FOR SPECIAL MENTION IN PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION MEETING WITH TAIPEI ACAA.
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--ECONOMIC AFFAIRS MINISTRY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU BORROWED THREE IMV PRODUCTIONS, TEAMWORK ON POTOMAC, THE THIRD POLLUTION AND CONSERVATION: AIR, FOR ISLANDWIDE SHOWING FACTORY MANAGERS. FILMS WILL HAVE RUNNING CHINESE TRANSLATION AND SUPPLEMENT SERIES LECTURES BUREAU SPONSORING IN PROMOTING ACTION IN CARRYING OUT GROC POLLUTION CONTROL ACT WHICH TOOK EFFECT MAY 23, 1975.

--POST CENTER LECTURE SERIES ON TRANSCENDENTALISM IN AMERICAN LITERATURE CONTINUED WITH MAY 22 LECTURE ON HERMAN MELVILLE BY TAIWAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR WANG WEN-HSING AND MAY 28 LECTURE ON NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE BY TAIWAN UNIVE
PITY DEAN CHU LI-MIN. BOTH WANG AND CHU ARE RETURNED FULBRIGHT RESEARCH SCHOLARS. BOTH LECTURES DREW PRIMARILY STUDENT AUDIENCES OF OVER 200 EACH.

POST PROMOTED WORLD TODAY AMERICAN LITERATURE TRANSLATIONS AT LECTURES, RESULTING IN ON-SITE CASH SALES OF 51 COPIES AT MELVILLE LECTURE, 36 AT HAWTHORNE LECTURE.

--FORMER AMBASSADOR DING MOU-SHIH TOOK OVER DIRECTION OF

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION OFFICE FROM OUTGOING FRED CHIEN,
NOW HEVALID TO VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. GIO-COORDINATED
CENSORSHIP PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES CONTINUES UNPREDICTABLE.
AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY, U.S. NEWSMAGAZINE EDITORIAL MATERIALS
HAVE BEEN DELETED AND WHOLE ISSUES BANNED BUT IN RECENT
WEEKS SOME PICTURES OF PRC OFFICIALS HAVE COME THROQ
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AND NEWSWEEK MAY 28 INTERNATIONAL EDITION CARRIED UNTOUCHED
FIVE-PAGE PAKISTAN AIRLINES ADVERTISEMENT TOUTING ITS ROUTES,
INCLUDING DESCRIPTION OF PEKING AS "BUSTLING, MODERN
STREETS REFLECT THE REVOLUTIONARY FERVOUR AND TREMENDOUS
ACHIEVEMENTS OF CHINA TODAY." AND NEWSWEEK JUNE 2 CARRIED
TWO "INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE" ITEMS GIVING TRADE
INFORMATION FAVORABLE PRC.
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